

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES
**APPLICATION TO POSSESS, PROPAGATE, BUY AND SELL
 CERTAIN WILDLIFE IN VIRGINIA**

(Under Authority of § 29.1-412, § 29.1-103, §29.1-417 of the Code of Virginia)

Non-refundable Application Fee: \$12.50

Permit (circle one): **NEW** **RENEWAL**

Previous VDGIF Permit No: _____

Type of Propagator (Circle one): PRIVATE USE COMMERCIAL USE (sells wildlife)

Name of Applicant _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Home Telephone Number _____

Business or Facility Name _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Business Telephone Number _____

Name and location of facility if different from above, where animal(s) will be propagated:

_____ County _____

Indicate Species (✓) to be Propagated (Captive-bred and raised only):

- ☐ Bobwhite Quail (*Colinus virginianus*)
- ☐ Ringneck Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*) all varieties and hybrids
- ☐ Chukar (*Alectoris chukar*)
- ☐ Hungarian Partridge (*Perdix perdix*)
- ☐ Mink (*Mustela vison*) (Fur farming only)
- ☐ Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) (Fur farming only)
- ☐ Grey Fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*) (Fur farming only)
- ☐ Ducks (all species native to Virginia) (list specific species in the space provided on back)
- ☐ Geese (all species native to Virginia) (list specific species in the space provided on back)
- ☐ Swans (list specific species in the space provided on back)

Please turn over and complete the back

Common Name

Scientific Name

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If dealing with migratory waterfowl, please enclose a copy of your Federal Waterfowl Sale and Disposal Permit and note the permit number in the space provided: _____

Have you ever been convicted of violating any federal or state wildlife laws or wildlife-related regulations? Yes ___ No ___ If “yes,” year and nature of offense _____

Applicant signature _____ Date _____

By my signature above, I hereby certify that all entries made on this application are true and complete, and I agree and understand that any falsification of information herein, regardless of time of discovery, may result in denial or revocation of my permit.

Remit non-refundable application fee check for \$12.50 (payable to Treasurer of Virginia) and your completed application form (also enclose annual report form and a copy of any federal permits where applicable, if applying for a permit renewal) to:

Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
 Permits Section
 P.O. Box 11104
 Richmond, Virginia 23230-1104
 (804) 367-9588
Permit Term January 1 through December 31

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS TO PROPAGATE AND SELL CERTAIN WILDLIFE
CONDITIONS OF PERMIT

Pursuant to 4 VAC 15-30-10 it shall be unlawful to import, export, buy, sell, offer for sale, or liberate within the Commonwealth any wild animal unless otherwise specifically permitted by law or regulation. Under authority of § 29.1-103 (11) and § 29.1-412 of the Code of Virginia, the **Propagate and Sell Permit** shall authorize the holder to buy, possess, propagate, and sell certain wildlife.

PROPAGATION AND SELL PERMIT INFORMATION

1. **Application:** Application for a permit and an application fee shall be submitted to the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Permit Section, P. O. Box 11104, Richmond, VA 23230-1104. (All checks made payable to the "Treasurer of Virginia".)
2. **Term of Permit:** Propagation permits are issued on a calendar year basis and expire each December 31st and must be renewed annually. All permits will expire December 31st, regardless of date of issuance. It shall be the responsibility of the permittee to initiate any and all renewals.
3. **Authorized Stocks:** The following species are authorized for possession and sale by this permit:

Furbearers - Fur Farming Only (Captive-bred and raised)

Mink (Mustela vison)
Red Fox (Vulpes vulpes)
Grey Fox (Urocyon cinereoargenteus)

Game Birds (Captive-bred and raised)

Bobwhite Quail (Colinus virginianus)
Ring-necked Pheasant (Phasianus colchicus) including all subspecies and hybrids
Hungarian Partridge (Perdix perdix)
Chukar (Alectoris chukar)

Migratory Game Birds (captive-bred and raised):

ducks < all species native to Virginia >
geese < all species native to Virginia >
swans (Mute swans (Cygnus olor), will not be permitted for possession, propagation, purchase or sale on any new applications.)

4. **Exceptions and Restrictions:**
 - a) No species listed as threatened or endangered shall be possessed or sold under the authority of this permit.
 - b) No permit is required to hold purchased captive-bred game birds (as listed above) if being used on a licensed shooting preserve or for dog training on private land provided that the birds are not kept for propagation purposes.
 - c) No new permits will be issued for the possession, propagation, purchase or sale of mute swans (Cygnus olor).
5. **Record Keeping:**

- a) **Game Bird Propagator:** Holders of permits issued under § 29.1-417 of the Code of Virginia to breed and rear captive bred game birds and to sell and ship them alive for propagation or stocking shall keep a record showing the number of species on hand, the number raised or acquired and the number sold (4 VAC 15-290-30). Permittee shall make these records available to the Department, if requested, should a disease outbreak be discovered. Records shall be retained by permittee for a period of one year.
- b) **Fur Farming Operation:** A holder of a permit to breed fur-bearing animals shall keep a record of the number of animals raised or acquired, and the number of animals, furs or carcasses sold or disposed of. The permittee shall provide reports to the agency at an interval specified on the permit (4 VAC 15-280-30).
- 6. **Annual Report Requirement:** An annual report for the previous permitting year shall be submitted to the Department with the individual's renewal application. Failure to submit the annual report may be grounds for non-renewal of an individual's permit. For migratory game bird propagators, a copy of their previous year's federal report listing the species propagated under authorization of this permit will suffice as the annual report.
- 7. **Fur-Farming Operations:** Furbearers may only be raised and bred for bona fide and proven fur-farming operations.
- 8. **Prohibitions on Release of Propagated Stocks and Offspring to the Wild:** Permittee is prohibited from releasing stocks or offspring to the wild except as listed below:
 - a) Captive bred and raised bobwhite quail, ring-necked pheasant, Hungarian partridge, chukar, and/or mallard duck, including all subspecies and hybrids, may be released on licensed shooting preserves under conditions specified for shooting preserves.
 - b) Captive bred and raised bobwhite quail, ring-necked pheasant, and captive raised and properly marked mallards may be released for licensed field trials or for dog training on private property provided that no other law or regulation prohibits their release at a specific location or during a specific season. Mallards must be marked as outlined in Title 50, § 21.13b, in the Code of Federal Regulations.
 - c) Captive bred and raised ring-necked pheasant may be released on land owned or leased by the permittee. §29.1-514 B 1, Code of Virginia.
 - d) It shall be lawful to release pen-raised bobwhite quail on private lands with permission of the landowner. Released pen-raised quail may be recaptured using a call back cage. For the purposes of this section, a call back cage is defined as a cage, pen, box, or barrel with one or more funnel entrances to allow pen-raised quail to enter from the outside. The call back cage must contain one or more live pen-raised bobwhites (call birds). Each call back cage shall be marked by means of a nonferrous metal tag bearing the name and address of the person operating such call back cage. No bait or food may be placed outside of the call back cage and no call back cages may be set on lands without permission of the landowner. 4 VAC 15-190-60.
- 9. **Labeling Packages:** Packages containing captive bred game birds raised under a permit for propagation purposes shall bear labels showing the name and address of the breeder and the contents

of the package (4 VAC 15-290-40).

10. **Facility Standards:** As stated in 4 VAC 15-290-50, birds and animals raised under a permit for propagation purposes must be confined in a sanitary escape-proof enclosure.
11. **Inspections:** Authorized representatives of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries may make periodic inspections of the facility and stocks of each operation, and permittee shall allow such inspections at any reasonable time.
12. **Federal Waterfowl Permit:** Dealing in migratory waterfowl also requires a Federal Waterfowl Sale and Disposal Permit, obtainable through the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Assistant Regional Director, Division of Law, P. O. Box 779, Hadley, MA 01035-0779; (413) 253-8643.
13. **Other Laws and Regulations:** This permit does not absolve the permittee of any responsibilities or conditions of any other federal, state, or local laws and regulations.
14. **Compliance/Violation/Revocation**
 - A. Regulation 4 VAC 15-290-130 states that a permit holder shall comply with all terms and conditions of any permit issued by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries pursuant to Title 29.1 of the Code of Virginia and the regulations of the board pertaining to hunting, fishing, trapping, attempting to take, possession, sale, offering for sale, transporting or causing to be transported, importing or exporting, propagating, exhibiting, and rehabilitating of any wild bird, wild animal or fish. The penalty for violation of this section is a Class 3 misdemeanor unless another penalty is specified. Further, any violation of state or federal wildlife laws related to the permitted activities by the permittee, his/her agents or employees, or guests will constitute a violation of the conditions of the permit.
 - B. As provided by 4 VAC 15-30-5, failure to comply with the provisions of a permit may result in the revocation or suspension of the permit for a period up to but not to exceed five (5) years. Any person whose permit is revoked, or suspended may appeal that decision in writing, to the Director, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, 4010 W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23230.
15. **Continuation of Permitted Activity:** Regulation 4 VAC 15-30-7 states that provided that the issuance of a permit renewal has been delayed past the expiration date of the permittee's previous permit at no fault of the applicant, the permittee may continue the specific activities authorized by the expired permit until the Department has acted on such person's application for renewal. To qualify for this allowance, applicants must submit a completed renewal application to the Department at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the permit. The Department may deny renewal of a permit to any applicant who fails to meet the issuance criteria set forth by the Department. Renewal applications will be mailed approximately two months in advance of the permit's expiration date.

Note: The Department of Agriculture requires anyone dealing in game birds or migratory game birds to register with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Also, there are health requirements governing the admission of animals and birds into Virginia. For information contact the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Veterinary Services, Suite 602, 1100 Bank Street, Richmond, VA 23219, (804) 786-2483.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES
ANNUAL REPORTING FORM FOR PROPAGATING AND SELLING CERTAIN WILDLIFE
 (Permitted Game Birds, Furbearers, and Waterfowl)
 Due with renewal application

NAME: _____ VDGIF PERMIT # _____

I. INVENTORY INFORMATION (Check ✓ box for each species propagated and list quantity):

| <u>SPECIES</u> | <u># PROPAGATED (Jan. 1- Dec. 31)</u> |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bobwhite Quail (<i>Colinus virginianus</i>) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ringneck Pheasant (<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>) all varieties and hybrids | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chukar (<i>Alectoris chukar</i>) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hungarian Partridge (<i>Perdix perdix</i>) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mink (<i>Mustela vison</i>) (Fur farming only) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red Fox (<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>) (Fur farming only) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grey Fox (<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>) (Fur farming only) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ducks (all species native to Virginia) | _____ (federal report will suffice) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geese (all species native to Virginia) | _____ (federal report will suffice) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swans | _____ (federal report will suffice) |

II. SOURCE OF GAME BIRDS AND WATERFOWL YOU PROPAGATED (Check ✓ all boxes that apply)

- ☐ Own breeders
☐ Purchased eggs ☐ In state ☐ Out of state
☐ Purchased chicks ☐ In state ☐ Out of state
☐ Purchased adult birds ☐ In state ☐ Out of state

III. TRANSACTION RECORD FOR BOBWHITE QUAIL AND RING-NECK PHEASANT THAT ARE SOLD OR TRANSFERRED FOR RELEASE

| DATE | SPECIES | NUMBER SOLD OR TRANSFERRED | RELEASE REASON (list #) 1. SHOOTING PRESERVE 2. LIC. FIELD TRIAL 3. PRIVATE PROPERTY | COUNTY(IES) WHERE BIRDS WILL BE RELEASED |
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PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN THIS REPORT

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

